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SELECT TALE,

THE SULTAN'S BEAR.

The sultan being one day rather out of sorts sent for his Jewish physician a man very eminent for skill in his profession, and not less distinguished by his love of his own nation and his desperate enmity to the Christians. Finding that his patient had not really much the matter with him, and thinking a little gossip would not only be more agreeable, but more likely to do him good, than any medicine which could be prescribed, the doctor began to discourse on the very familiar topic of his highnesa's favourite bear, which was lying at his feet, and whose virtues and abilities he was never tired of extolling.

'You would wonder,' said the sultan, 'not only at the natural sagneity of the creature, in that belong to you. So, now, do not waste Tun sultan being one day rather out of

only at the natural sagacity of the creature, and the tact which he shews in a thousand different ways, but at the amount of knowledge he has collected, and the logical correctness with which he uses it. He is really
a very knowing beast. The Jaw politely
sequesced in all this and much more; but
at length added: 'It is well that such a
the troubled patriarch silently and slowly
indicates.

time, if your sublime highness thinks fit to tolerate them, it is not for your faithful slave to say a word about it. I should be sorry that your sublime highness should not extend to your Christian subjects the same toleration and paternal kindness my own people er joy.

My father, and the other deacon, Titus, suffer me to speak. Speak, my son, ruplied the aged man, in a voice scarcely articulate, while he gently withdrew his hand, and laid it on the deacon's head; what wouldst thou say?

Un der favor, most dear and research for the same to speak.

there is no saying what might come of it.'
'Come of what.' said the sultan.
'Why,' said the Jew, in a humble and very confidential tone, 'your sublime highness is of course aware, that among the many curious secrets the Christians possess, they have one which enables them to teach hears to read.

'How do they contrive it ?'
'Ah,' replied the Jow with an internal among the Christians know the secret. I only obtained the little knowledge i have by accidental circumstances, which put me upon the inquiry; and I was a long while before I could feel perfectly certain that they actually did the thing. Here they did it, and selsy, I have never been able to learn. It is one of their greatest secrets, one of their deepest, and therefore, I suspect, one of their most permicious mysteries. I do not suppose that any man among them would contess it to save his life—not even the old patriarch, if he were put to the rack.'

Sented; and returning to the palace, the patriarch signified to the sultan, that he had thought better of the sultan, that he had thought better

a pause.
'It is wonderful,' said the physician with

sultan abruptly after a pause. 'Why should derake.' not bears read as well as men, if they are Bohe r

the palace, pendering in his mind on all the various things he could think of as possible causes for his being wanted by the sultan. The sultan dismissed all his attendants; and as soon as he and the patriarch were alone, he beckened him to approach, and when the aged ecclesiastic had come quite close, and again bowed, not only out of reapect, but instinctively, as one does who expects a whisper, the sultan said in a low, earnest tone: 'You know my a low, earnest tone: You know my

I do, please your sublime highness, replied Mar Yusef, and a very fine bear he is.

'I know that,' snawered the sultan ; 'but the matter is this, and he lowered his voice, and increased the earnestness of his tone 'You must teach him to read.'

'To read!' exclaimed the patriarch, thun-derstruck. 'To read! the thing is impossi-

'Of course, I knew you would say that, said the sultan; 'you must do it, however, or it will be the worse for you and for all your

that belong to you. So, now, do not wante time, for I am quite in earnest about it; but

at length added: 'It is well that such a clever animal is in such good hands. If his extraordinary talents are not developed to the utmost, they are at least not perverted and made a bad use of.'

"I hope not indeed,' said the sultan. 'But what do you mean by his talents not being developed? or in what way would they be likely to be perverted in bad hands?'

"Pardon me,' said the Jew; 'I have spoken rashly before your aublime highness—such things should not be talked of; but it is natural that, although I know very little about them, I should consid r the practice and the purpose bad, when they belong to what I consider a bad people: at the same time, if your sublime highness thinks fit to tolerate them, it is not for your faithful slave.

He troubled patriarch silently and slowly withdrew.

My children,' said the patriarch on his way home, addressing the two young men who were supporting him, 'the suitan has resolved to destroy us, and all the Christians in his dominions. He is seeking occasion against us. He does not make open war upon us; but he secretly commands us to do what is impossible, in order that he may have a pretext for our destruction. He requires that in six weeks we should teach his bear to read!'

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'What in the world do you mean?' said the sultan. 'What have the Christians to do with my bear?'

'Nothing at all,' replied the Jew with gress earnestness; and he added, with a sigh, 'that is the very thing I am thankful for. It is such a remarkable creature, that there is no saying what might come of it.'

con's head; what wouldar and reverend father,' replied Titus, 'I would say that, whatever the sultan's design may be, you should not be discouraged; and that if you will only do one thing, which I earnestly entreat you to do, I will cheerfully undertake all the rest, and I doubt not that we may get clear through this difficulty.'

What would you have me do, my son?'

anid the patriarch.

Just this,' replied the descon, 'if I may be permitted to advise: go tack to the saltan as quickly as possible, and say that, on consideration, you are sorry that you hesitated—that you will be happy to receive the transmitted of the possible tack. are to read. '
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'You don't say so I exclaimed the suitan.
'How do they contrive it?'
'Ah,' replied the Jew with an internal shudder, 'that is more than I can tell your sublime highness. I don't suppose that do not know how difficult it is to teach sublime highness. I don't suppose that do not know how difficult it is to teach half-a-dozen of your subjects, except themselves, are aware of the fact; and few even so carnestly, that his superior at length conamong the Christians know the secret. I sented; and returning to the pairce, the
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'It is very strange,' said the sultan, after said : 'Well, my son, and what am I to do

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'What is the harm of it?' exclaimed the to do, and what remains I will readily un-

most bears read as well as men, if they are capable of learning?

"Most true and most wisely said,' replied the Jew. 'It they were taught to read good books, it would probably mend their manners. But if that were all, why should there be so much mystery about it? why should these people do it so secretly, and deny it so stoutly? and agained his polar, he chought it safest to change the subject, and accordingly he did so as second as the subject as would be about even with the head accordingly he did so as second as head emphatically and estreastly entreased the subject as would be about even with the bear a head to impart, or, at all events, not to lear the subject as would be about even with the bear hed to impart, or, at all events, not to let the be known that he had given any information on the subject.

"And now," said, Titus to his comrade So he made his bow, and set off to make

When the doctor was gone, the sultan fell into a reverse on the advantages and dinadvantages of his bear learning to read. When he went to bed, the same train of thought kept him awake; and after a sleepless night, he sent surly in the morning for the patriarch. The reperable Mar Tuesf host no time in obeying the nummons. Taking his patriarchal staff in his hand, and followed by his two deacons with their heads bare, and their hands crossed on their taking a little turn backwards and furnishing a little turn backwards and some and the second states and allow the same train of the particular. It must go to seek furnishing a seek furnishing and furnishing a little turn backwards and dinadvantages and dock; and if they bring the huma good as dock; and if they bring the huma good and dock; and if they bring the huma good as to see the same train of the huma good and they be an and dock; and if they bring the huma good as to see the same train of the huma good and they be an adock; and if they b

come to man's estate, it was as much as he could carry. This book he meant to use; serving that as it was done by secret practices, and his head was bowed down on but for the present he contented himself with observing from the window the bear coming to school in procession; and when he was satisfied that his pupil was in safe custody, he descended from the church-tower, and went to see after him. When he came to the door of the spartment, he waited a moment to listen to what seemed an interchange of any thing but civilities between Timothy and his charge. Titus called out his colleague; and, without going in himself, locked the door, and put the key in his pocket.

"Won't you go in and look at him?" said Timothy, as they went down the staircase together.

"Time enough, said Titus; 'he will be

most ferocious manner, and rampaged about the book over his favorite's aboutder. This cage like a fury. But he got nothing by it; and when he had drunk up the water, it is inself, thus relieved of his burden by its transfer to the desk, went round into the and exhausted his powers of growling and ranging, he went to sleep. In the morning, Titus brought him werely some fresh water and a cake of barley-bread; but in the afternoon to he sure the book over his favorite's aboutder. The book over his favorite's aboutder by the book over his favorite's aboutder by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the substitution of the sulfavorite's placed of his burden by the substitution of the sulfavorite sabourder by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the sulfavorite sabourder by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the substitution of the sulfavorite sabourder by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the substitution of the sulfavorite sabourder by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the book over his favorite's placed of his burden by the book over his favorite sabourder by the book over his favorite sabourder his burden by the book over his favorite sabourder his burden by the book over his burden by the burden by the book over his burden by the burden by the book over his burden by the burden by the book over his burden by the burden by the burden by the burden by th and a cake of barley-bread; but in the afternoon, thinking it was now time for his purpil.

The second former was now to begin his studies, he brought with him the great book he had prepared for his use, and placed it open on the desk, which now stood before the boars already described. All the morning had been employed in preparing the desk and the book; and the former was now so contrived that, by means of a screw, the latter could be raised or lowered at pleasure. The book was no sconer placed before the opening, at the distance of a few inches, than the bear, which was on the look-out to see what was going forward, began to snuff and poke.

The sultan, Timothy was exerting his suscential, it is not been back the eight having to keep back the eager pupil.

The seems fond of his book, however, said the sultan; 'that looks well.' And all the sircle bowed assent.

At length, having arranged the volume to his satisfaction. Titus received his pupil from the hands of his colleague. The bear stood up manfully to his task; but it need book; and the former was now so contrived when he found that, unlike itself, the below ed book contained no sweets; not a morsel, though the often-traveled, much-licked and still beameared lines retained the well known scent and savor. He ran his nose bear of such great and long anxiety, the pupil was also raised to a state of the highest was going forward, began to snuff and poke. staves, the tutor, well knowing the tasts of and he may understand it perfectly, for his pupil, had stuck little figs, dates, raisins, almonds, morsels of cake, comfite, and aloud. I should like to hear him. Will dried fruits; in short, all such little sweet things as bears so particularly delight in.—

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distance, that the pupit could only reach the top line; and the eager manner in which he cleared it, gave prounier that he would prove an apt scholar in that branch of learning. One page only was thus prepared for him; for at that period of his education it would have been impossible, without harsher measures than his tutor wished to adopt, to prevent him from cross-readings, which would greatly have blemished his scholar ship. Some minor offenses, such, for instance, as inordinate efforts to begin upon a second line before he had regularly perused the first, were punished by awitching him on the nose, turning the double deak round—in which case it presented him with a mirror, that frightened him dreadfully—or even; in case of perverences, leaving him to himself, without giving him the substantial honey-cake, which always rewarded a well honey-cake, which always rewarded as well he said caseous. In a short time he parties began to understand one another, and as Titus him predently taken care to be known to his pupil only as a benefactor, he soon gained his confidence. The bear who, like all his race, had an ardent love for auch dainties, found that he was welcome to eat all his could get, if he did but do it in a decrement has been an adjusted to cover the lines of the two open pages at the same time, his instructor not only ventured to cover the lines of the two open pages at the same time, bit in his pupil a power to go on from one line to another without the book being raised in to another without the book being raised in the account of his cell, he put it in his pupil's power to go on from one line to another without the book being raised in the fact that the lines of the two open pages at the same time, bit in this pupil's power to go on from one line to another without the book being raised in the fact has pupil and the same time, bit in this pupil's power to go on from one line to another without the book being raised in the fact has pupil and the same time, he cand do it for himself.

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wards, if he likes? and don't let them give him any thing to est, and take care not to be out of the way—that is a good fellow.'

'You may depend upon me,' said Timothy; and Titus went off to the church, to see about a lectionary, for the bear to study, though, to say the truth, not entirely, or even principally, with that intention; for he did not mean that his pupil should come of the subject careers and mysterior that day, or the next; and he was in no doubt which to choose among many old lectionaries that had been laid aside.—

There was an immeuse one, with great to read; and, secondly, that such a capacity brass knobs and corners, out of which he had himself learned to chant long before he could lift it, and indeed, now that he was not more frequently cultivated, asking had himself learned to chant long before he could lift it, and indeed, now that he was not more frequently cultivated, asking heard a bear read? The doctor, in paritian could lift it, and indeed, now that he was nectary fashion, blinked the question; observed, that his enunciation, sven to those who know the language, may have some appearance of indistinctness, because he is defective in the vowel points; but we can not help it, for all our books are unpointed. In this, which, indeed, we consider a matter of little importance, we do not pretend to compets with the Jews, who teach the irreduction of little importance, we do not pretend to compets with the Jews, who teach theirs from pointed books. If your sublime highness ever heard a bear read and sever himself learned to chant long before he could lift it, and indeed, now that he was not more frequently cultivated, asking him, withel, whether he had ever himself learned to chant long before he could lift it, and indeed, now that he was not more frequently cultivated, asking him, withel, whether he had ever himself learned to chant long before he could lift it, and indeed, now that he was not more frequently cultivated, asking him, withelp when himself learned to chant long before he could

Time enough, said Titus; he will be better by himself just at present. Had you much trouble in getting him in? How did he behave?"

there; and, moreover, he did not particularly wish to be seen in the business. All his doctor; and accordingly, a summons for were in breathless expectation when the Christian procession entered. The particularly issued. Very this behave?" much trouble in getting him in? Howdid he behave?'

'Rather restive,' replied Timothy; 'but we managed it among us. Should not be have something to cat?'

'No,' said Titus; 'he has got plenty of water; he will do very well. But now come and help me down with the old lectionary from the upper vestry, for I don't think! can get it down that staircase wyself.'

Between them the lectionary was safely brought down, and deposited, not in the apartment, which we may now call the apartment, which we may now call the closely following the favorite book. But, in school-room, but in the chamber of Titus, on a massy oak desk or lectern, which turned upon its pedestal and which they brought out from the patriarch's library for the purpose.

It was well that the school-room was rather remote, and bad thick walls; for, miss-

line to another without the book being raised; and after the tutor had for a week or two turned the leaf when necessary, the purple began to shew that, if it was not done for him, he could do it for himself.

As the time drew on, the patriarch was most anxious to know, but did not ventures to ask, how matters were going so. At laugth he summoned courage, and put the question, somewhat indirectly, to Titus; and although he received no particulars, yet he canded not help feeling conforted by the absorbul manuer in which his affectionate descondance with that every thing was going on rightly, and that he need have no lear for the round.

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But the hands of Titus were folded on his breast, and his head was bowed down on

vizier came to report, that the doctor was nowhere to be found.

'Well,' said the sultan ; 'I do not much wonder at that. I always thought him a
wise man, and he is certainly no fool to get
out of the way now. But, at the same time,
let strict search be made; and also bring

me the chief rabbi.'

In the confusion occasioned by the break ing up of the company, the tutor and his pu-pil-the latter of whom had na urally drupped into the less ostentatious posture of a quadruped—were forgotten, or at least overbrought out from the patriarch's library for the purpose.

It was well that the school-room was rather remote, and bad thick walls; for, missing his support, the bear naturally became not only hungry, but savage, growled in the most ferocious manner, and rampaged about it; and when he had drunk up the water, its ing at the volume while it was yet on his tundle was removed to reach a distance as would conveniently to take care that the book was removed, and their heads together, to whisper their surprise or their suspicions. Titus, therefore, having briefly given directions to Timorby to take care that the book was removed, and to see the patriarch home, and make an excuse for his staying behind, alipped with his avoidable. self on a bench, while his companion stood opposite to him on his hind legs, looking

bear, which was on the hock-out to see what was going forward, began to snuff and poke and shewed a most eager desire to reach it. In fact, all along the lines of large letters, which were widely divided by the musical saves, the tutor, well knowing the taste of large letters, which were widely divided by the musical saves, the tutor, well knowing the taste of large letters, and he may understand it restantly as the certainly as the first time he recognised his old haunts; and passages; and, before he had been missed by any body, found his way, by a apartment.

For a moment, indeed, while occupi anticipating the explanation which he had resolved to extort from his doctor, the suln, like his courtiers, had forgotten his fa vorite; but now the meeting was most cor dial on both sides. The sultan seemed de termined to make up for his neglect; and the favorite to shew, that neither scholarship, nor the discipline requisits for obtain-ing it, had diminished his social affections

or companionable qualities.

At length the rabbi arrived. He had indeed, been a little longer than was neces sary on the way, because he had found some means of persuading the messenger to lethim call on two or three friends as he came lethim call on two or three friends as he came along. He did not lose much time by this, however; his only object beingto ask them, to what extent they could help him in case the loan should be very large. Satisfied on this point, and preoccupied by the thoughts which had suggested the inquiry, he stood before the sultan. Great, therefore, was his surprise, when his sublime highness, instead of saying a word about money matters briefly, but clearly, explained to him the nature of the business in which his service was required.

was required.
'Your sublime highness is pleased to jest with your servant, said the rabbi, as soon as he could command breath enough to ut-

ter the words.

'Not at all,' replied the sultan; 'you will find me quite in earnest, I assure you. He reads, and, I am told, reads as well as can be expected seitheut the points; now you must teach him to read seith them.'

The rabbi was utterly confounded. He

were as much surprised as he had been, when they learned the nature of the business which had produced the summons. Only one of them, who happened to be a friend of the missing doctor, seemed to know any thing about the matter; and he could not throw much light upon it. He could only tell them, for their comfort, that it was a very serious affair, and they must mind what they were about.

It would be tiresome, if it were possible, to particularize all the suggestions and discussions which ensued. They were still going on when the bear arrived, and was duly installed in an apartment which had been

installed in an apartment which had been prepared for him, as well as it could be on such short notice; for all agreed, that he such short notice; for all agreed, that he must be treated with great care and attention, not only in order to propitiate him, but because it must be dangerous to let him return in worse condition than he came. So neither trouble nor cost was spared to make him comfortable; and very comfortable he was; supplied with every luxury, crammed with dainties, and petted in every conceivable way. But watever progress he might make in the study of mankind, and in other branches of merful knowledge, it was plain branches of useful knowledge, it was plain that he was making none in that particular branch of learning for which he had been sent to school. His instructors did not know how to deal with him. He easy terms with all about him, would play with anybody, and quarrelled with nobody; but learn he would not. When they held a book before him, he thrust his nose into the cream bowl; when they spoke of Path-ach and Segol, he shut one eye and munch-ed figs; and when, 'as a bird each foud endearment tries,' they set up a stave which might have made the very learned Masorites to dance for joy, in the hope that instinctively, or by mere love of imatation, he might be led to join in the chorus, he only

roared them down.

Sensible of all this, and of its probable sensible of all this, and of its probable consequences, the instructors had not been idle in another direction. They had used their utanost endeavors to learn how the pupil had been dealt with by his former tutor. But all their inquiries were fruitless. Titus had kept his secret so effectually that even Timethy town. ally, that even Timothy knew little, if any thing, more than other people; or, in other words, more than had been transacted be-fore the sultan and his court. But in collecting all such information as could be scrupulously careful to imitate everything which had been done, not knowing what hidden virtue there might be in other things apparently trivial. They provided a great book and a desk; and did, and were pre pared to do, all that, so far as they could learn had been done before. And so matters went on, until the time came for them

threw himself upon his back, and fairly

to produce their pupil.
The sultan was led, by various considerations, to think that it would be better to have the examination rather more private than the former one had been, and, accord ingly, at the time appointed, the rabbi and companions were brought into his private apartment. They had no hope that the book and desk-which, however, they had taken care to provide—would be want-ed by their pupil; and indeed, for some time past, their thoughts had been turned from any attempts at instruction, and em-ployed in framing an apology, in doing which they flattered themselves that they had succeeded tolerably well.

The pupil who had grown corpulent un-der his late course of treatment, did not at first raise his lazy, half-shut eyes high enough from the ground to see the desk and open book, which were clever imitations, if ot quite facsimiles of forms deeply impressed on his memory, and calculated to produce very stimulating recollections. As soon as they caught his eye, he seemed to be seized with sudden passion, dashed at the book, and overthew the whole concern. the book, and overthew the whole concern. Fiercely did he thrust his nose and paws between the leaves, and turn them, and tear them, and trample them. At length, exhausted by exertions—to say nothing of his having previously had more exercise than usual—he waddled a way to his well-known rug, absolutely declined all invitations either to work or play, and lay there watching the company through his half-shut eyes, in a state of stupid repose, which those who had just watched his effervescence did not care to interrupt.
"Well," said the Sultan to the rabbi and

wen, saint the Sulfan to the racor and his friends, you are a strange set of people. When I put my bear in your hands, he read fluently, and con succes; and all you had to do, was to perfect his articulation. Instead of that, you bring him back, fat, stupid and savage, and so far from reading, unable to read at all. It would serve you right if read at all. It would serve you right, if I were to hang the whole set of you, and confiscate all your goods; but I am a merciful man, and will be content with banishment."

So an order was immediately issued for banishing the Jewa from the dominions of the Sultan; and they all made off as fast as they could, not knowing that their own country had been at the bottom of all, or having an idea of the explanati here laid before the reader.

A New York paper says the late Robert C. Sands sued for damages in a case of breach of promise of marriage. He was offered two hundred dollars to heal his broken heart. "Two hundred!" he exclaimed, "two hundred dollars for relied hopes, a blasted life! two hundred dollars for all this! No; never! Make it three and it's a hereais."

One of the best coundrums we have ever usen, says the Southern Literary Guestie, is the following of Edgar Poe's:

Why will a geologist put no faith in the fable of the fox that lost his tail?

Because he knows that no assumd runsian have over been feeted in Tage.